Claims

- 1. Areal implant with a mesh-like basic structure (10; 20; 30) and a reinforced zone (12; 22, 24; 32) in a central area of the basic structure (10; 20; 30).
- 5 2. Implant according to claim 1, characterized in that the strength of the reinforced zone (22, 24) decreases towards the peripheral area of the basic structure (20).
 - 3. Implant according to claim 2, characterized in that the reinforced zone (22, 24) has a homogenous central area (22) and a zone (24) of lower strength surrounding the homogenous central area (22).
 - 4. Implant according to one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the reinforced zone (12; 22, 24; 32) is mesh-like and has a smaller pore size than the peripheral area of the basic structure (10; 20; 30).
- 5. Implant according to one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that radial reinforcing elements (34, 36) extend from the reinforced zone (32) towards the peripheral edge (31) of the basic structure (30).
 - 6. Implant according to claim 5, characterized in that at least one radial reinforcing element (36) is widened in the area of the peripheral edge (31) of the basic structure (30).
 - 7. Implant according to one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the basic structure (10; 20; 30) is weft-knitted or warp-knitted.
 - 8. Implant according to claim 7, characterized in that the implant is weft-knitted or warp-knitted in one piece.

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- 9. Implant according to one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the reinforced zone (12) is made in one piece in the form of a reinforcing part, preferably weft-knitted or warp-knitted, and is attached to the separately produced basic structure (10).
- 10. Implant according to one of claims 1 to 7 in conjunction with claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the reinforced zone (32) together with the radial reinforcing elements (34, 36) is made in one piece in the form of a reinforcing part, preferably weft-knitted or warp-knitted, and is attached to the separately produced basic structure (30).
- 11. Implant according to one of claims 1 to 10, characterized by non-resorbable material.
- 12. Implant according to claim 11 characterized in that the non-resorbable material comprises at least one of the substances selected from the following group: polypropylene, polyamide, polyester.
- 13. Implant according to one of claims 1 to 12, characterized by resorbable material.
- 25 14. Implant according to claim 13, characterized in that the resorbable material comprises at least one of the substances selected from the following group: copolymer made from lactide and glycolide, poly-p-dioxanone.
- 30 15. Implant according to claim 13 or 14, characterized by a stiffening element made from resorbable material.
- 16. Implant adcording to claim 15, characterized in that the stiffening element is formed as a coating of material of the implant.

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17. Implant according to claim 15 or 16, characterized in that the stiffening element is formed as a film.

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